

SOUTH DAKOTA SECOND CENTURY HABITAT FUND
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
PIERRE, SD
JUNE 7, 2019

Board Members Present via Teleconference: Steve Halverson, Jim Faulstich, Tim Kessler, Larry Ness and Jim Scull. Ex Officio Board Members Gary Jensen, GFP Commission Chair and Kelly Hepler, GFP Department Secretary, Others: Kevin Robling GFP, Tom Kirschenmann GFP and Executive Director Sean Blanchette.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding officer Steve Halverson called the meeting of the South Dakota Second Century Habitat Fund board to order at 2:08 pm CT and a quorum was present. No declarations or conflict of interest were stated. Blanchette stated that the meeting was being recorded and to announce your name when you speak.

WAVIER OF NOTICE REQUIREMENT

Hepler moved to waive the notice of meeting requirement, seconded by Kessler and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2019 MEETING

Ness moved to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Kessler and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Board members were provided a copy of resignation letters received from Christine Hamilton, Doug Balvin, Jeff Scherschligt, Tony Bour, Dick Muth, Jack Theeler, Les Lindskov, and Terry Schultz. Scull moved to accept resignations as presented, seconded by Jensen and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Board members were provided a copy of the appointment letters from Governor Noem detailing those whom have been appointed to the Board and including a term expiration date. The summary sheet states when each member's term will expire. The Board acknowledged the appointments made by Governor through the authority granted in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. No action was required.

AUTHORIZED NAME CHANGE ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

This is a housekeeping item as our organization's name was changed to The Second Century Habitat Fund. The board does need to give Blanchette authorization for modifications to those accounts.

Hepler moved to authorize name change to all financial accounts previously held from South Dakota Habitat Conservation Foundation now in the name of Second Century Habitat Fund seconded by Faulstich and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Blanchette provided the financial report noting total assets and funds available.

Kessler moved to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Scull and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SECOND CENTURY HABITAT PROGRAM - LANDOWNER AGREEMENT DOCUMENT

Tom Kirschenmann, GFP staff, explained the landowner agreement. Question was asked what the goal of the million dollars is. Hepler stated the goal is to enroll 5,000 acres into a working lands program. Intent also is that the money is to be matched.

Concern was expressed regarding Section 3, the term of the contract and whether the contract could provide for renewability. Kirschenmann stated one key component with Every Acre Counts as we learn more from that project is that we hope to have landowners leaving more acres in habitat as they see the benefits. Funding for renewals or continued enrollment is not known at this time but could potentially be available in the future

Question was asked do we limit the amount of land any landowner can get. Kirschenmann stated there is a cap per participant of 160 acres per participant also a minimum of 10 acres per site that can be seeded.

Question was asked can we offer the seed to others as the 5000 acres will go quickly. Kirschenmann stated that could be a possibility for a potential new program.

Statement was made that we need to insert language in Section 2 to reflect minimum of 10 acres per site and maximum of 160 acres per participant.

Faulstich moved to approve the contract with a modification to Section 3 to provide an option of renewability or continued enrollment contingent on available funds as well as to insert acreage limitations per program participant of a 10 acre minimum per project site and a 160 acre maximum per participant. The motion includes that the Executive Director of the Fund would have the authority to sign and execute these individual contracts on behalf of the Fund. The motion was seconded by Hepler, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF LANDOWNER HABITAT PROGRAM

Kessler moved to authorize expenditures up to one million dollars with seven hundred fifty thousand dollars of that allocated to incentive payments and the other two hundred

and fifty thousand dollars allocated toward seed and associated seed purchase costs seconded by Jensen and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVE HABITAT DECAL PURCHASE

The fund purchases the decals and the Department will help promote and sell directly to anyone who would like to purchase one. The cost of the decal could be \$10-\$15 the board can set the cost. People that donate a certain amount of money on our licensing system could get a decal. If they donate \$15 or a set dollar amount we could send them a decal just to say thanks for being a habitat supporter.

After some discussion it was decided that \$10 per decal would be appropriate.

Hepler stated the Department will put some work into looking at options for getting more money raised through donations.

Hepler moved to approve the purchase of the 10,000 decals as quoted and establish the \$10 selling price or donation level to receive decal once purchased, seconded by Kessler and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MEETING DATES

Discussion was held on next meeting date. May and November are usual meeting months. It was stated that it could be good to have next meeting date around Dakota Fest which is around the end of August. Meeting should be three to four hours. It was stated that August is a good time for a meeting. Blanchette stated he will send out some emails for possible dates.

Blanchette stated he can keep everyone updated by a monthly email on the success of the Second Century Habitat Program.

ADJOURN

Kessler made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Halverson adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Blanchette, Executive Director

Date

Approved by,

Steve Halverson, Presiding Officer

Date